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1. WE HAD OPPORTUNITY MAY 22 TO DISCUSS UK TEXT OF NATO DECLARATION WITH TICKELL, AND DREW ON REFTTEL TO EXPLAIN STRONG SUPPORT WE ARE GIVING TO UK TEXT. TICKELL WAS PARTICULARLY GRATIFIED THAT US IS IN PROCESS OF STRESSING TO ALLIES THAT BRITISH TEXT PROVIDES BEST BASIS FOR SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THE DRAFTING EXERCISE. WE ALSO EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO ISSUANCE OF A TEXT ESSENTIALLY SIMILAR TO BRITISH TEXT AS A DECLARATION NOT AS A COMMUNIQUE.

2. TICKELL SAID THAT BRITISH TOO PREFER TO SEE TEXT ISSUED AS A DECLARATION AND HAVE SO INSTRUCTED THEIR DEL TO NATO FOR DISCUSSION ON MAY 24. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT UK NATO HAD BEEN ADVISED THAT IF OTHER DELS PREFER A DIFFERENT METHOD OF PRESENTATION, THE UK WOULD BE
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PREPARED TO RECONSIDER. TICKELL CONTINUED BY NOTING

THAT FRENCH AND GERMANS APPEAR TO BE COOL TO IDEA OF
USING BRITISH TEXT.

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